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Preface for 16th IMLB

The 16th International Meeting on Lithium Batteries (IMLB-2012) was held on June 17–22 at Jeju International Conference Center (Jeju ICC), in Jeju, Korea, under the theme of “New Era for Smart Energy Storage”. The meeting was hosted by the Korean Electrochemical Society and sponsored by the Ministry of Knowledge and Economy, and other 17 organizations. IMLB-2012 could attract about 2000 attendees from 47 countries involved in lithium battery field. The strong interest in the IMLB is a testament to the rapidly increasing importance of lithium batteries in various fields including electric vehicles and large energy storage systems.

The scientific program was highlighted by presentation of 76 invited lectures and 1202 poster papers in the area of cathodes, anodes, electrolytes, new battery systems, analysis, supercapacitors, interfaces, and safety. In this meeting, short (10-min) oral presentation sessions with 84 papers were newly introduced in parallel with poster sessions to provide the participants with more chances of oral presentation in addition to the invited presentation. The Award Committee selected the best 14 poster presentations and awarded them an academic prize during the meeting period.

Social events of welcoming dinner (Monday), excursion to the Jeju Smart Grid Test Bed and conference banquet (Wednesday)

were provided for network enhancement among the participants. A ride-and-drive event with electric vehicles was also conducted.

Following IMLB tradition, selected papers based on the peer-reviewed process are included in this special issue of the Journal of Power Sources. I appreciate the editors and many reviewers of the contributions to this special issue. On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all the members of the Committees, the authors, the session chairpersons as well as the enthusiastic audiences who had kept their seats until the final day of the meeting. In particular, I must acknowledge the painstaking assistance of my local colleagues who had willingly devoted themselves to the success of the IMLB-2012.

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